

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 566  
By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to commend Judge Roger L. Ridenour for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers to ensuring equal justice for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Judge Roger L. Ridenour of Anderson County who has recently announced his retirement from the bench after 32 years as Judge for the City of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean born in Knoxville, Roger L. Ridenour is a graduate of Clinton High School and the University of Tennessee, obtaining his legal degree from the University of Tennessee School of Law in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ridenour began his legal career in practice with his brother, G.W. Ridenour, Jr., and his uncle, J. Carson Ridenour, Jr., after completing active military duty with the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, during his service with the National Guard, Judge Ridenour won the Outstanding Basic Combat Trainee award, was named Number One Graduate in Training Brigade, and received the American Spirit Honor Medal at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, in addition to being an Honor Graduate in Artillery at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, appointed City Judge for the City of Clinton on June 1, 1973, Roger L. Ridenour quickly displayed his great insight and wisdom on the bench, earning respect for his ability to listen closely and render sound judgments which built his solid reputation as an outstanding jurist; and

WHEREAS, esteemed and admired by his judicial peers and colleagues and the attorneys and citizens appearing before his court, Judge Ridenour is a member of the

Tennessee Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers of America and, in 1974, was elected President of the Anderson County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary thirty-two year tenure as Clinton City Judge, Roger L. Ridenour has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; he has held numerous positions with the Jaycees of Tennessee and is an active member of the Memorial United Methodist Church in Clinton; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ridenour's remarkable success as a jurist and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to empathize with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Judge Roger Ridenour is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate attorney, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Judge Ridenour is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife of thirty-nine years, Lyndall Ridenour, and their two children, Darren Ridenour and Lea Ellen Ridenour Agee, and eight treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Judge Roger Ridenour is wholly committed to the noble precepts of justice and equity under the law, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Roger L. Ridenour for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as City Judge for the City of Clinton and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.